(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to identify and develop spots suitable for pleasure trips on sea by tourists togetherwith the details of potential areas in each State?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) International tourism trends indicate that sea travel is becoming increasingly popular and that there is enormous potential for its growth and expansion.

(b) The Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India has constituted a Committee to explore the potential of cruise tourism and develop related infrastructure in the major ports on the western coast. Committees at the port level have also been constituted in the major ports of Mumbai/Marmagoa/new Mangalore/Kochi and Tuticorin for identification and implementation of related work. A separate Committee has been constituted under the Chairperson, Mumbai Port Trust to review rules and regulations concerning cruise vessels/tourists.

Setting up of multi-purpose cultural complex in Orissa

2992. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up: multi purpose cultural complex all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such complexes to be set up in Orissa; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure time-bound execution of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Under the existing ongoing scheme called 'Setting up of Multi-purpose Cultural Complexes in the States including those for Children' Government has funded these projects in 16 states. The Central and State Governments contribute funds on a matching basis under this scheme depending upon availability of funds, and the State Government provides land free of cost for the purpose.

A sum of Rs. 25 lakhs has been released for setting up a Multi-purpose Cultural Complex in Bhubaneshwar at an estimated cost of Rs. 2 crores.

(c) By periodic meetings the progress is monitored. Government of Orissa has now assured availability of land for the project.

Rehabilitation of ousted people

2993. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any record of people ousted from their land to make place for dams:

(b) if so, the number of such persons; and

(c) for how many years they remained unrehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding alongwith priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including irrigation and flood control primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves. The State Governments being the owners of the dams, it is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to Resettle & Rehabilitate the project affected persons. Various State Governments have evolved their own Resettlement & Rehabilitation policies in respect of the project affected persons taking into account the local conditions. The data on project affected persons or going to be displaced by construction of the dams are not maintained by the Central Government.

Irrigation water supply to Chhattisgarh

2994. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fall in the quantity of irrigation water supplied to Chhattisgarh:

(b) if so, the year-wise details of water utilization in Chhattisgarh for irrigation purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether this quantity of irrigation water received by Chhattisgarh will be maintained every year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?